

LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Members Present: Judge Judith Bartholomew, Chair; Kim M. Allen; Sheriff John Aubrey; Thomas J. Gorman (Designee for James Balcom); Kathy Bingham (Designee for Mark Bolton); Timothy D. Cox; Sheriall Cunningham; Judge Eleanore Garber (Designee for Judge Patricia Walker-Fitzgerald); Dan Goyette; Carla Kreitman; David L. Nicholson; Col. Robert White; and Clarence Williams.

Excused Members: Roger Henderson; Bishop Walter Jones, Jr.; and Candy Hill.

Guests Present: Jamie Allen (Louisville Metro Corrections); Wanda Baker (Circuit Court Clerk's Office); Tina Messer (Jefferson County Drug Court); Marty Meyer (Congressman Yarmuth's Office); and Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools).

Staff Present: Faith Augustine; Betsy Helm; Dr. Deborah Keeling; Tracey Neathery; and Stephanie Stidham.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Bartholomew called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance and called for introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 15, 2009 MEETING

The summary of the October 15, 2009 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judge Bartholomew reported to members regarding the status of the e-Subpoena and Day Reporting Center Projects. One response was received for each Request for Proposal. Negotiations are underway to award contracts for each project.

As expected, the revised Criminal Justice Commission Ordinance was approved by Metro Council on October 22nd. The ordinance, as amended by Council, requires all citizen appointments to be approved by Metro Council. Judge Bartholomew advised that staff are working to get all citizen appointments through the approval process prior to February's meeting.

Judge Bartholomew invited Kim Allen, representative for Mayor Abramson, to join her in recognizing and sincerely thanking the three outgoing citizen members for their participation and dedication to the Commission Board. Judge Bartholomew noted the terms of office of each member:

Bill DeNardi – July 1991 - June 1999 & December 2005 - present
Reverend Charles Duncan – December 1998 - present
Elisa Freeman-Carr – April 2006 – present

Each outgoing member was presented with both a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commission and a Mayor's Citation & Key to the City.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislative Committee

Stephanie Stidham drew attention to a summary of criminal justice-related pre-filed bills included in the meeting packet. She anticipates that several domestic violence-related bills will be filed in the upcoming session. Ms. Stidham also noted pre-filed bills regarding the use of cell phones (calling, texting or using blue-tooth devices) while driving.

On behalf of the Commission, Ms. Stidham has been tracking the progress of the Penal Code Subcommittee, whose report is due this month. At present, the report is being drafted, but a copy will be forwarded upon completion. Once again, Ms. Stidham voiced concern regarding the state budget shortage and its potential to limit the number of bills filed or passed.

Commission staff have prepared a Tracking Chart for Legislation that is available at the CJC website (<http://www.louisvilleky.gov/CriminalJusticeCommission>). Please notify the staff of any legislation that you may wish to have added for tracking.

VII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.